

integrated watershed management plan to enhance positive trends in maintaining the San Juan Creek Watershed system.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: To prepare for preparation of the EIS, the Corps will be conducting a public scoping meeting on March 26, 1998, at 7 p.m., at the Del Obispo Community Center, located at 34052 Del Obispo Road, Dana Point, California. This scoping meeting will be held to solicit public input on significant environmental issues associated with the proposed project. The public, as well as Federal, State, and local agencies are encouraged to participate in the scoping process by attending the Scoping Meeting and/or submitting data, information, and comments identifying relevant environmental and socioeconomic issues to be addressed in the environmental analysis. Useful information includes other environmental studies, published and unpublished data, alternatives that should be addressed in the analysis, and potential environmental enhancement and restoration opportunities that exist in the watershed. Individuals and agencies may offer information or data relevant to the proposed study and provide comments suggestions by attending the public scoping meeting, or by mailing the information to Mr. Timothy J. Smith. Requests to be placed on the mailing list for announcements and the Draft EIS should be sent to Mr. Timothy J. Smith.

Alternatives: The study will develop an integrated watershed management plan as well as a list of potential environmental enhancement and restoration opportunities throughout the San Juan Watershed. Specific measures selected for implementation will be analyzed in detail in supplementary National Environmental Policy Act/California Environmental Quality Act documentation.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

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Intent To Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Wolf River, Memphis, TN, Feasibility Study

AGENCY: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this study is to determine the feasibility of providing aquatic and terrestrial ecosystem restoration, wetlands protection, and increased recreational opportunities within the Wolf River Basin of west Tennessee and north Mississippi. A resolution by the Committee on Public Works and Transportation of the U.S. House of Representatives on 24 September 1992 provides study authorization.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Proposed Action

A Corps reconnaissance study, completed October 1995, revealed that channelization and realignment of the lower 22 miles of the river have significantly reduced seasonal flooding, eliminated large amounts of riparian forest and fisheries habitat, induced progressive channel bank and bed erosion, and initiated long-term drying of adjacent wetlands.

Also, agricultural practices have contributed to sediment movement and deposition. Sediment deposition in tributary streams and wetlands has adversely impacted fish and wildlife habitat and killed valuable timber. The Wolf River study will attempt to identify an economically and environmentally feasible plan that would retard damage to and help restore components of this important ecosystem. The study area currently comprises the entire Wolf River Basin. The river is 86 miles in length; and the drainage basin includes portions of Shelby, Fayette, and Hardeman counties in west Tennessee and parts of Marshall, Benton, and Tippah counties in north Mississippi.

2. Alternatives

Alternatives being considered include combinations of features such as main channel weirs to reduce erosion and provide fish habitat, reforestation, and wetland restoration. Alternative plans will be compared to the No Action alternative.

3. Scoping Process

An intensive public involvement program will be initiated and maintained throughout this study to (1) solicit input from individuals and interested parties so that problems, needs, and opportunities within the project area can be properly identified and addressed and (2) provide status updates to concerned organizations and the general public. Scoping is a critical component of the overall public involvement program. The scoping process is designed to provide early detection of public concerns regarding needed studies, plan alternatives, procedures and other important study-related matters. Affected federal, state and local agencies; affected Indian tribes; and other interested private organizations and parties are invited to participate in the scoping process. This study will analyze project impacts (positive and negative) to significant area resources such as wildlife, fish, endangered species, wetlands, water quality and recreation.

4. Public Scoping Meeting

A public scoping meeting will likely be held in Memphis, Tennessee, during the Spring of 1998.

5. Availability of DEIS

It is anticipated that the DEIS will be available for public review during the Spring of 1999. A public meeting will be held during the review period to receive comments and address questions concerning the DEIS.

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DELAWARE RIVER BASIN COMMISSION

Notice of Commission Meeting and Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that the Delaware River Basin Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 25, 1998. The hearing will be part of the Commission's regular business meeting which is open to the public and scheduled to begin at 1:30